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SUBJECT: SFCP: QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY (QEE)

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO JAKOVLEVSKI WITH COPIES TO BULAJIC AND PIRKMAJER OF FAISECTC AND TO TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTION AS THE EMBASSY BELIEVES MIGHT EXPEDITE THE RETURN OF QEE EQUIPMENT TO THE US:

2. AUGUST 18, 1976

HONORABLE TRPE JAKOVLEVSKI

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND CULTURE

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

WE HAD A USEFUL DISCUSSION IN JUNE CONCERNING MEANS TO CONTINUE U.S.-YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AT A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL. MY COLLEAGUES AND I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH RESPONSIBLE YUGOSLAV
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OFFICIALS TOWARD THIS END.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO ASK YOUR HELP IN RESOLVING

A SPECIFIC DIFFICULTY NOW PREVENTING THE APPLICATION OF A SUBSTANTIAL SUM TO NEW COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. I REFER TO THE NEED TO EXPEDITE THE RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY (QEE) PROJECT. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT THIS EQUIPMENT IS TO BE RETURNED. WHEN THIS IS DONE, A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR REPROGRAMMING FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL RETURN OF THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF SOME YUGOSLAV ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES. WE DO NOT KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT THESE DIFFICULTIES ARE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY MAY BE RELATED TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING IMPORT/EXPORT TAXES. I'M SURE THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT PAY ANY SUCH TAXES FOR U.S.-OWNED EQUIPMENT BEING RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AGREED WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

ANYTHING YOU COULD DO TO EXPEDITE THE RETURN OF QEE EQUIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

WILLIAM A. ROOT
UNITED STATES MEMBER
U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

CC:
AMBASSADOR KRSTO BULAJIC
DR. EDO PIRKMAJER.

3. THIS COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH RAJACIC IN WASHINGTON BECAUSE HE WAS ON VACATION. SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCUSS IT WITH PIRKMAJER BEFORE IT IS SENT TO JAKOVLEVSKI. KISSINGER

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